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FEC Form 1 (Filing dated 5/4/05)

This letter is in response to your request for additional information regarding the above referenced reports.

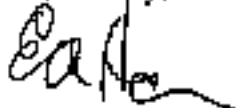
An amended FEC Form 1 is being filed by the Committee to include a designated bank.

The Committee's standard procedure with regard to "best efforts" is as follows. The Committee's initial solicitation materials contain the request for occupation and employer information. The best efforts language required in section 104.7 of the Commission's regulations is included in the solicitation. If this information is not provided, within 30 days of receipt of the contribution, a letter is sent to the contributor requesting this information once again. The Committee maintains copies of second requests, updates its records and adds this information to its reports when and if the information is obtained.

The Committee is filing an amended July Quarterly Report to reflect the updated information obtained, and it will continue to seek clarifying information and amend as necessary.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact the Committee.

Sincerely,



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